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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED FOR CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION  
(CWC): JAPAN/U.S. HOST COUNTRY AGREEMENT/ARRANGEMENT (HCA)

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¶1. On March 17, ESToff delivered the points in ref to MOFA Biological and Chemical Weapons Conventions Division officer Masahiro Fujikawa. The Foreign Ministry official appreciated receiving the non-paper on the Complementary Notes and the draft Host Country Agreement (HCA). Fujikawa believes there are very few, if any, contentious issues, adding that the GOJ looks forward to concluding the negotiations of the HCA. Fujikawa stated he would share the draft agreement with his supervisor, Takeshi Aoki, for further review and possible additional comments.

¶2. Regarding a meeting on the margins of the 2008 Review Conference in The Hague, Fujikawa said the Japanese delegation welcomes such an exchange. Fujikawa added he will be in The Hague the week of April 14-18, but noted Aoki could only meet with the U.S. delegation April 7-10. Since schedules are difficult to predict, he suggested both parties arrange an exact time for a bilateral meeting at the conference.

SCHIEFFER